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several classes of violations, and the duties of magistrates with reference to the enforcement of the act are clearly defined.

**Workmen's Pensions—France.** After nearly two years' consideration a committee of the French senate has decided that the workmen's pensions bill passed by the chamber of deputies was impracticable and has proposed a new bill which provides for a pension fund to be maintained by contributions from employers and from the state. Under the proposed system employers would be required to pay 9 francs annually for every employee over 18 years of age and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  francs for every employee under 18. Members of the working class would be entitled to a pension amounting to 120 francs upon reaching the age of 65.

The bill also makes provision for an old age pension system to be maintained by monthly payments on the part of the interested parties. The payments required amount to 3 francs annually for persons between 15 and 18 years of age and 6 francs annually for those above 18.